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HOW THINGS LOOK FROM OUR STAND POINT.

The Opinion of the Editor and The Opinion of Others Which we Can Endorse on the Various Topics of the Day.

Weaver's trip to Pulaski has thrown a boom shell into the camp of the campaign slanderers and liars.

The last record of the machine politician is to circulate a report that there are not enough electors out in the several States to give Weaver a majority if they were all elected. When they tell you this, laugh at them and tell them you know more about the People's party than they do. Tell them for their information that electors are out for Weaver and Field in every State except South Carolina, and that we will have electors there before the election.

Remember and Remind Them.

The Democratic speakers are advising the Republicans to vote the Republican ticket this year. What does this mean? Did they ever do this before? It means they have tried to get them to vote the Straightout Democratic ticket, and having failed in that they prefer for them to vote the Republican ticket to the People's party ticket. If this is so, then they would prefer to see the Republican party win than for the people to win. Remind them of this when they talk about negro domination and the "dark days of '68." Before the election, the machine politician will be trying to hire some negro or independent to run for some county office to beat the people. Remember that the Democratic machine did everything it could to get the Republicans to put out a State ticket. They succeeded. When the ticket was put out, remember that there were no happier people in the State than the Ex. Com. and the State nominees of the Democratic machine. A number were on-lookers at the Republican convention, and were seen to rejoice and clap their hands in delight. When they try to frighten you with the danger of the Republicans winning, remind them of this. This is low machine politics. Will you be fooled by them? Tell them they can't frighten you with a scare-crow of their own making.

Mr. Carr as a Reformer vs. Mr. Carr as a Politician.

We heard Mr. Elias Carr, the nominee of the Democratic party for Governor, speak at Asheville. We took notes. Among other things he said: "I have always tried to keep the Alliance reformers in harmony with Democracy. It is true that at St. Louis in 1889 we put Government ownership of Railroads in the National demands of the Alliance, but when we learned that this was not in harmony with the par-

ty, we changed ownership to control at Ocala."

We were sorry for Mr. Carr when he felt called upon to make such a damaging admission. If Mr. Carr had ever at any time made such a statement before any Alliance meeting he could not have been elected door keeper, and no one knows this better than he. When President of the Alliance he taught us that it was our duty to stand by our principles and demands and force some party to adopt them. He taught that we must place principle above party. Now a party (only one) has adopted the demands of the Alliance, and Mr. Carr has turned his back upon the party and his principles and the Alliance demands, and is supporting a party that turned its back upon the Alliance and spit upon its demands. Yes, it was pitiable to see the Ex-President of the Alliance making such an admission to win applause from an audience made up of men who had no sympathy for reform and who had fought the Alliance and opposed its every demand. Can it be that the audience had a high regard for the man after such an admission, the man they had opposed as long as he stood by the demands of the Alliance and his own teachings? Mr. Carr you have clung to the name of a party, but have departed from the faith you taught us. The people have not gone back upon Mr. Carr, he has gone back on them.

Sam Jones on Blear-eyed Fools.

Let's talk politics for a few minutes now. There's an old politician there who says, 'I'd die for the principles of the great Democratic party.' Oh, you bleared-eyed fool, you wouldn't know principle if you met it coming down the road with a great big red flag sticking out. That Republican politician is the same. If you talk about principles there is no difference between the Democratic and the Republican parties. The only difference at all that you can get them to acknowledge is

A DIFFERENCE ON THE TARIFF

and some Republicans are for low tariff and some Democrats for high tariff. Now listen! There ain't one voter in every fifty thousand that ever seriously read and studied the constitution of the United States. There ain't fifty men in this audience that ever read carefully and intelligently the constitution of the State of New York. There isn't one in 10,000 in this State that looked over the code of the State of New York to see what the base of the code was and what the law was. And yet you go through this country whooping, 'Our party will carry us on and upward to a better government and a better life.' Republican politicians tell you this, and all good Republicans applaud. The next day the Democrat says the very same things and the Democrats will throw up their hats and holler. And yet both men made the same speech, and while the Republican spoke the Democrat looked on as if all his friends were dead, and the next day he yells for the same thing—the bleared-eyed fool.—Harnett-Reformer.

GOOD EVIDENCE.

GENERAL WEAVER AT PULASKI.

"Mother Said He was a Gentleman and a Kind-Hearted, Brave Soldier."

The Nashville Toiler sent a reported to Pulaski, Tenn., not long since for the purpose of investigating Gen. Weaver's private acts while he was stationed at that place. The following clipping should dispel from the minds of our people any doubt as to Mr. Weaver's character, and it is certainly enough to prove to them that it would be absurd to attach any importance to the lying newspaper reports concerning Mr. Weaver:

"The first person interviewed was Mr. A. J. Ballantine, a prominent citizen of Pulaski and a director of the People's National Bank at that place. He was seen at his residence and our reporter, knowing that he was an ex-Confederate soldier, said:

"Mr. Ballantine, I believe you are an ex-Confederate soldier and a good Democrat and as such oppose the People's party." He replied: "Yes, sir; I am, and would do anything in my power to defeat this Third party."

"Then, Mr. Ballantine, I guess you are the man I'm hunting. I want to know something about this rascal Weaver, who was stationed here during the war."

"Young man, if you want to hear anything in the way of abuse of Gen. Weaver never come to a Ballantine after it. As for me, I never saw Gen. Weaver, and was opposed to him during the war, and am against him now. With all that, I can never say a word against a man who protected my mother and sister as Gen. Weaver did while he boarded with them. He knew that my mother had four sons in the Confederate army, yet he treated her with the greatest respect. I was in the army at the time and know nothing about Weaver as an officer or as a gentleman. All I know that mother said he was a gentleman and a kind-hearted, brave soldier. So, you see, young man, when my mother (she has been dead two years now) tells me that this man was a nice man, it is hard for me to believe otherwise. I remember one morning after the close of the war that she asked me to see after some papers she had. They proved to be vouchers for supplies given to Weaver. I took them very reluctantly and told her she would never realize anything on them. A few weeks later she asked me about them, and I confessed that I thought so little about them that I had lost them down at the store. Gen. Weaver, however, came to the rescue and tried to get the money for us. My brother was with the General in Congress and I have heard him speak of Weaver often."

"Mr. Ballantine is a loyal Southerner and a courteous gentleman, and his statements are bound to carry weight with them."

"He then saw Mr. Jas. A. P. Skillern, a son-in-law of Rev. Robt. Caldwell, who was a friend of Gen. Weaver's. Mr. Skillern had heard since that General Weaver was a hard lot. Skillern was satisfied that General Weaver was a scoundrel, but had never seen anything to bear him out, al-

though he was in Pulaski during the war. Mr. Skillern seemed to be a gentleman who had not allowed his blind love for Democracy to get the better of his judgment."

DEMOCRATIC CONSISTENCY.

The Democracy of the South claim in justification of their brutal treatment of Weaver that he is a South-hater; that he oppressed the people in some parts of Tennessee during the war. To prove the hypocrisy of this claim read the following record of the party upon that point. It is taken from the Southern Alliance Farmer:

Did not the Democracy vote for Seymour and Blair in 1868? And did not Frank Blair take command of McPherson's command when McPherson fell at Peach Tree? Did not Frank Blair command a corps under Sherman; help Sherman burn Atlanta; shell the town of Jonesboro when Hardee was evacuating it; accompany Sherman's march to the sea, and help Sherman burn South Carolina? And yet Weaver was only in the service three years, not in Sherman's campaign at all. And yet with the ashes of Atlanta and South Carolina's desolation sticking to Frank Blair's shoe soles they gag at Weaver and have not yet puked up Blair.

Does not every Georgian remember the famous order that everybody must abandon Atlanta in thirty days? Did not General Blair as a corps commander enforce that order by driving women and children from their homes and then burn their homes after they were gone?

GENERAL HANCOCK.

When Stanton quarrelled with Sherman because he tore up Sherman's compromise with Joe Johnson in North Carolina, and Grant would not let him arrest R. E. Lee. Why, of course, Stanton had but little use for them in his reconstruction schemes, but found a Yankee of his kith and kin in General Hancock, who invaded the South, was in every prominent battle on the Potomac and in Virginia during the war, and he became Stanton's reconstruction general. General Hancock sent bayonets to Georgia; arrested Joe Brown and many prominent Georgians; run Bob Toombs out of the State; fed Jeff Davis on bread and water at Fortress Monroe. Yet when New York told the Southern Democracy to vote for General Hancock in 1880, they, with the shrieks of Georgians lying in jail and the wails of men and women begging for liberty at his headquarters ringing in their ears—the innocent blood of the South upon his hands—they voted for him—rolled him as a sweet morsel under their tongues, and now hold him and Frank Blair in their stomach—not yet puked up. But, says the Democracy, they were under orders and had to obey. So was Weaver. But, say they, Weaver could have resigned. Not while he was a private soldier. But Blair and Hancock could have resigned too.

HORACE GREELEY,

who was the god-father of the Southern hatred, the discoverer of Mason and Dixon's line, and for twenty-five years poured forth through the columns of his New York Tribune all the abuse that tongue or pen could portray, calling the Southern people negro breeders, negro thieves, oligarchs, blooded bigots, negro chasers,

accusing slave-holders of the crimes of adultery, fornication, concubinage, miscegenation, selling their own children, fist fighters, duellists, brogues, rowdies, scallawags, and rotten generally. And still, when New York said to vote for Horace Greeley, not a Democrat in the South but swallowed Horace; yes, gulped him down, but cannot go Weaver because he is claimed to have made two speeches against the South which he never made.—Ex.

He Blames the Editors.

Mr. R. H. W. Barker, speaking of the editors of the Democratic papers through the Hickory Mercury, says:

"I blame the editors of North Carolina for working too cheap. You lose your sleep; you wear out yourself; you are confined and denied the pleasures that other men have; you mould the sentiments of the people; you control the people in the interest of some party; you cover up bad legislation and keep the people in the dark; you explain away all charges against your boss or take them on yourself; you praise the boss, often against your own conscience; you say he is sober when he is drunk; you cover up all his shortcomings; you say he made a ringing speech, such as you had never heard, when you did not believe a word of it; you change and say he is a good man when you once said he was a bad man. Not only all this, but the worst of all is, you place your soul in great danger of being doomed to death eternal. When your lords die you laud them to the skies; say he gave largely to charitable objects, and the preacher preaches him to heaven when he ought to know he is in hell. The boss leaves a rich widow, that will not marry an editor; his children count their wealth by the million. You die and leave a dependent family to battle for an existence in the world; the preacher says you have done good service in your party, but it is doubtful as to where you went at last. It has always been a mystery how you could be thus influenced for so little consideration and run the risk of so great a loss as that soul of yours, that will have to live forever in despair.

Now in conclusion will say to you in all honesty, stop your abuse of the people who are sweating almost drops of blood under the burden which they have to bear.—Harrison or Cleveland or the moneycrats have no idea of the hardships that the American people have to undergo at this time. Let me say to the people, stand firm for your rights; let not the power of the dollar or the powers that be in the earth or the powers that be in hell deter you or drive you from the right.

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